



Yavapai College District Governing Board

Special Board Meeting Approved Minutes of Special Meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2015 12:00 PM

Prescott 32-119 and Verde Valley G-103 (video conference)
1100 E. Sheldon Street and 601 Black Hills Rd
Prescott and Clarkdale, Arizona

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Members Present:

Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair

Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary

Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Member

Mr. Albert Filardo, Board Member (attending via video conference)

Administration Present:

Dr. Penelope H. Wills, President

Dr. Stuart Blacklaw, Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Development

Dr. Clint Ewell, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services

Mr. Steve Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Foundation

Dr. James Perey, Executive Dean for the Verde Valley Campus (attending via video conference)

Other staff attending are on file in the District Office

Absent:

Mr. Ray Sigafoos, Board Member

Attending via Conference Call:

Keri Lazarus Silvyn, Esq., Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER - HEADING

2. Call to Order – PROCEDURAL

Chair McCarver called the Yavapai College District Governing Board meeting to order at 12: 00 p.m. and introduced Keri Lazarus Silvyn, Legal Counsel.

3. Adoption of Agenda – DECISION

Member McCasland moved, seconded by Member Irwin, to adopt the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

4. INFORMATION - HEADING

5. General Information Regarding a Potential Proposal for Acquisition of Real Property Located in the Verde Valley - INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR DECISION

Dr. Wills provided an overview for a potential acquisition of real property located in the Verde Valley. Yavapai College Foundation was invited to submit a proposal of consideration to the Steele Foundation for donation of the DK Ranch in Cornville, AZ. The guidelines of the proposal require an explanation of how the property fits the College's mission; how the property will be used to accomplish the College's mission; plans to sustain the property; and appropriate approval by the District Governing Board. The proposal of consideration is required prior to June 1, 2015 with a District Governing Board approval prior to submission.

Dr. Wills referenced the DK Ranch handout for the property description, location and condition. Dr. Wills and the Executive Team has inspected the 45 acre property that runs along Oak Creek. The property is well maintained with water rights, and the agricultural activities have continued in order to maintain the agricultural tax status.

Dr. Blacklaw could envision both agricultural and animal science to be the primary focus of academic programing on the property. Other possibilities could be constructing a conference center and learning labs that would complement the culinary and hospitality programs. Academic programing could consider multiple options such as conservational/environmental science; culinary/hospitality; veterinarian medicine; water policy/conservation; canine/equine; and agricultural, along with possible sports team and/or residential community.

Dr. Perey aligned the Verde Valley strategic proposed plan to potential programing for this property and that it will match the Yavapai College's mission and academic vision. Yavapai College could not duplicate these resources and the potential to partner with K-12 schools and other organizations.

Dr. Wills is suggesting that the College would first address a strategy to continue activities necessary to maintain the property's agricultural status. The only limits per the documentation from the Steele Foundation are that the property use is for educational purposes and matches the institution's mission. Dr. Wills suggests this opportunity could provide a partnering opportunity with University of Arizona.

Ms. Silvyn reminded the Board that Yavapai College is exempt from zoning requirements, and will confirm that Yavapai College Foundation is also exempt to insure the property title can flow through the foundation for transfer to the College.

Mr. Walker confirmed that the property is very accessible with paved roads. The property is surrounded by privately owned land on both sides and has 1400 linear feet along Oak Creek.

Dr. McCarver reminded the District Governing Board that this property will fit the 10 Year Master Plan regarding focus on sustainable agricultural in the Verde Valley.

Member Irwin moved, seconded by Member Filardo, that upon successful selection by the Steele Foundation the Yavapai College District Governing Board would accept the Real Property in the Verde Valley with acceptable terms and conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), (A)(7) - Discussion and Advice From Counsel Regarding Potential Contract for Acquisition of Real Property Located in the Verde Valley – PROCEDURAL

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), (A) (7), Discussion regarding the Potential Contract for Acquisition of Real Property located in the Verde Valley.

No Executive Session Required

7. Convene in Public Session with Possible Action RE: Potential Contract for Acquisition of Real Property in the Verde Valley – DECISION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (D) - Legal action involving a final vote for decision shall not be taken at an executive session, except that the public body may instruct its attorney or representatives as provided in subsection A, paragraphs 4, 5, and 7 of this section. A public vote shall be taken before any legal action binds the public body. Discussion included congratulating Dr. Wills, college staff, and legal counsel.

No Executive Session Required

8. Continued Discussion Regarding a Potential Proposal for Acquisition of Real Property Located in the Verde Valley- INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR DECISION

Continued discussion of the potential for acquisition of real property located in the Verde Valley.

Omitted

9. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING - PROCEDURAL

Member Irwin moved, seconded by Member McCasland, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ms. Karen Jones, Recording Secretary

Date: May 19, 2015

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Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair

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Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary

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